

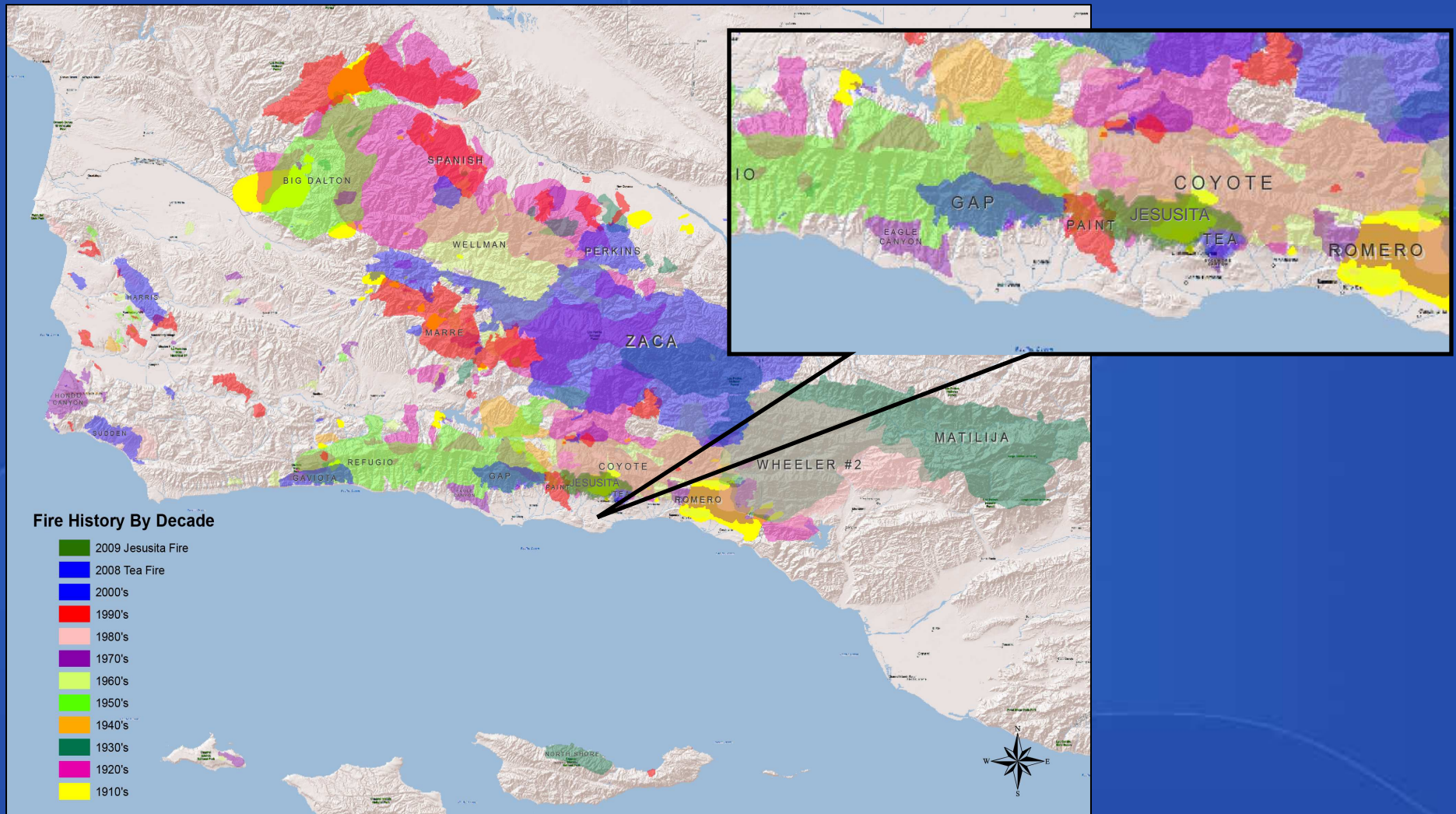
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Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District



Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
January 21, 2010

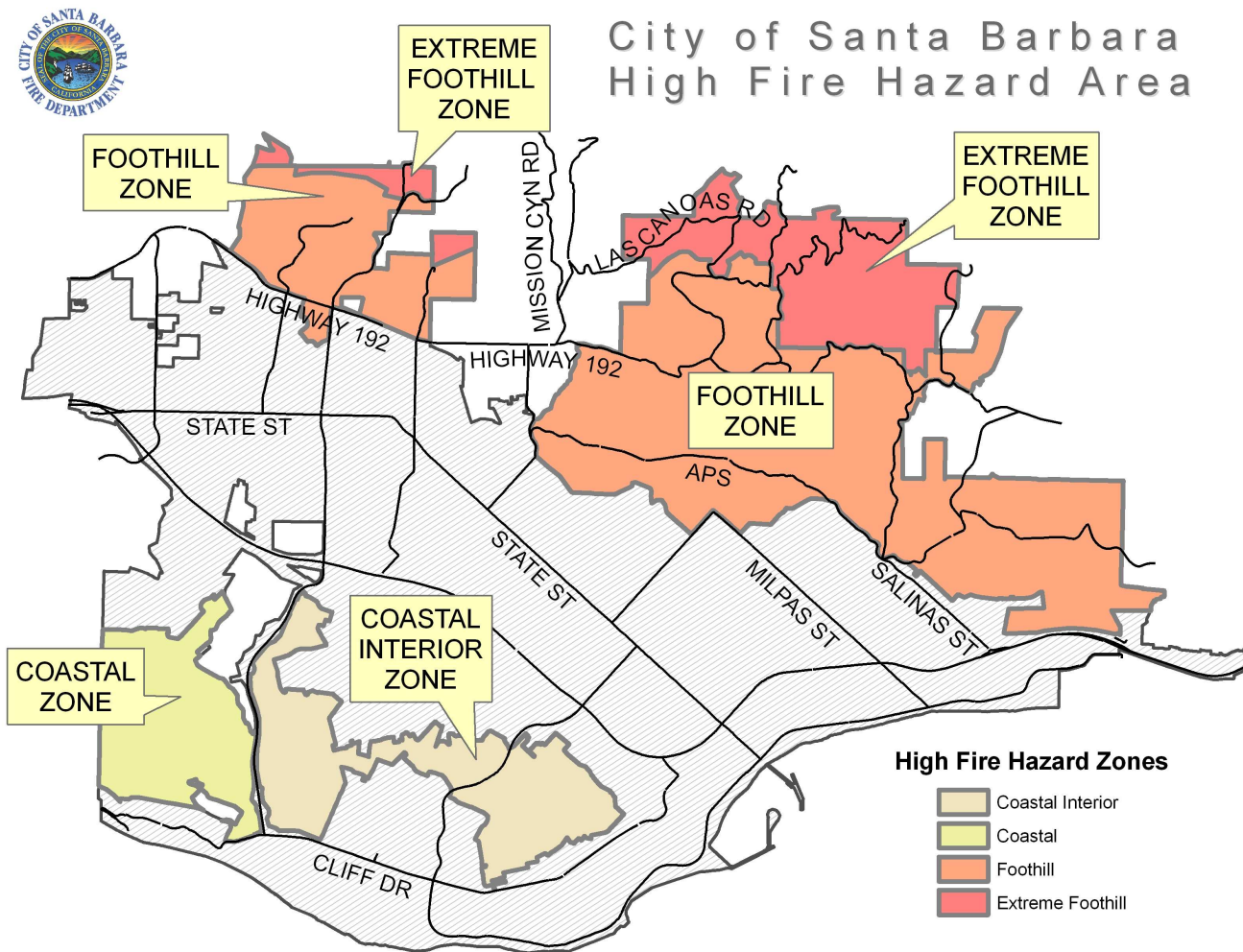
Santa Barbara County Fire History



Background

- ◆ May 2004 – City approved Wildland Fire Plan and Environmental Impact Report
- ◆ Outlined hazards / risks
- ◆ Defined direction to reduce the impact of wildland fire in community

Background



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- ◆ Outlined 3 Priority Areas
 - Life – Evacuation / Preplans
 - Property – Defensible Space
 - Resources – Vegetation Management

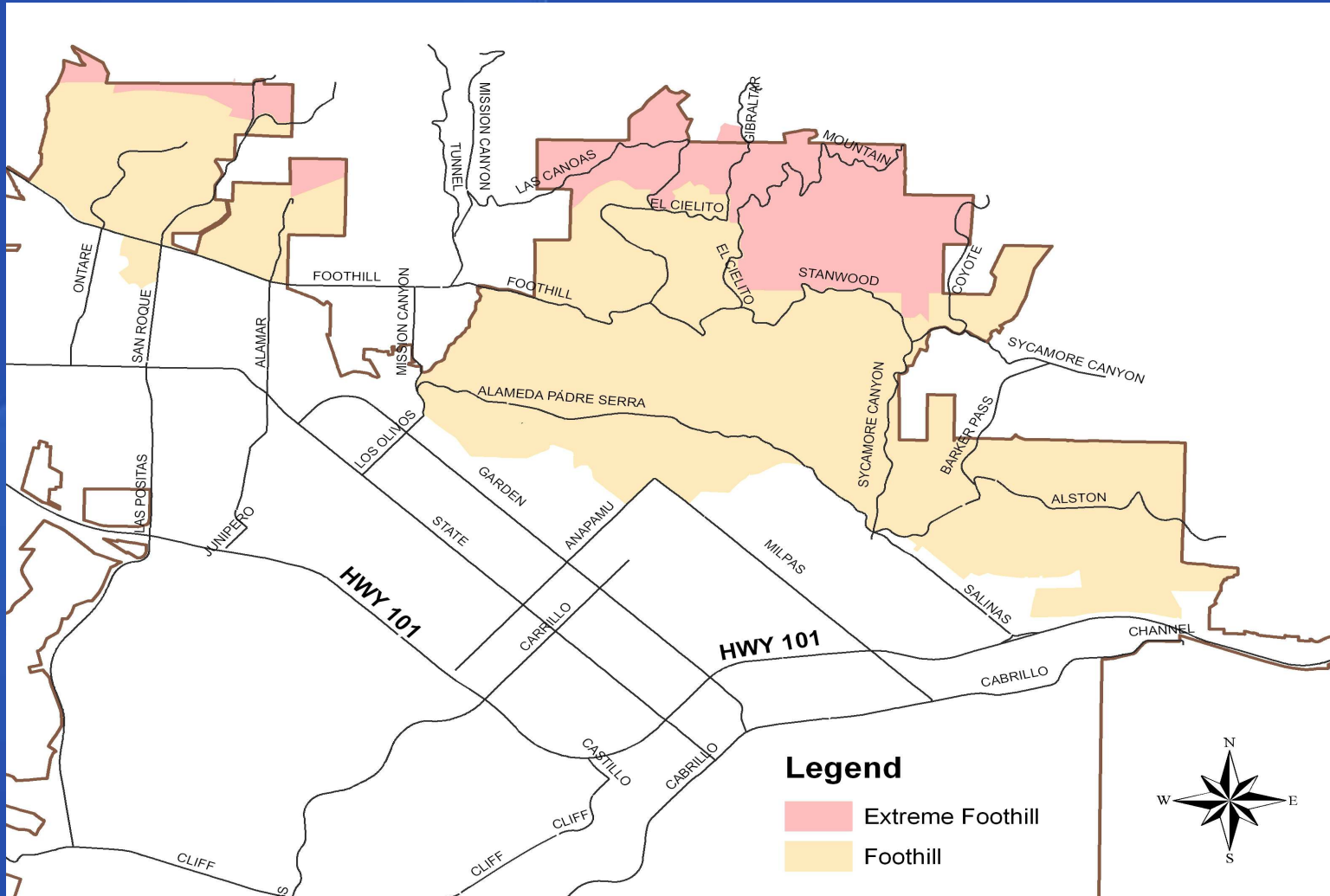
Organization



General Fund

- ◆ Wildland Fire Plan
 - Wildland Fire Specialist
- ◆ Wildland Enforcement
 - Fire Inspectors
- ◆ Wildland Response
 - Engine Companies

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WFSBAD Services

- ◆ Vegetation Road Clearance
- ◆ Defensible Space Assistance / Chipping
 - Voluntary Inspection
 - Chipping Services
- ◆ Vegetation Management
 - Community Fuels Treatment Network and Vegetation Management Units
 - Identified and prioritized in City Wildland Fire Plan

WFSBAD History

- ◆ City funded a feasibility study to look at potential for a Benefit Assessment District
- ◆ Showed support in the Foothill high fire hazard areas



WFSBAD History

- ◆ July 11, 2006 – City Council approved formation of Assessment District for the Extreme Foothill and Foothill high fire hazard areas
- ◆ Funds specific services to reduce the impacts associated with wildfire.

Renewal Process

- ◆ Duration: One year, allowing for an annual renewal
- ◆ An Engineer's Report is required in the adopting resolution
 - Rate for FY2009-10:
 - \$69.83 per single family parcel-Foothill Zone
 - \$86.58 per single family parcel-Extreme Foothill

Organization



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Wildland

General Fund
High Fire Hazard Area
Wildland Fire Specialist
Ann Marx

Assessment District
Funded (218)
Fire Services Specialist
Amber Anderson



Wildland Project Development

Evacuation Planning

Defensible Space Standards

Vegetation Management

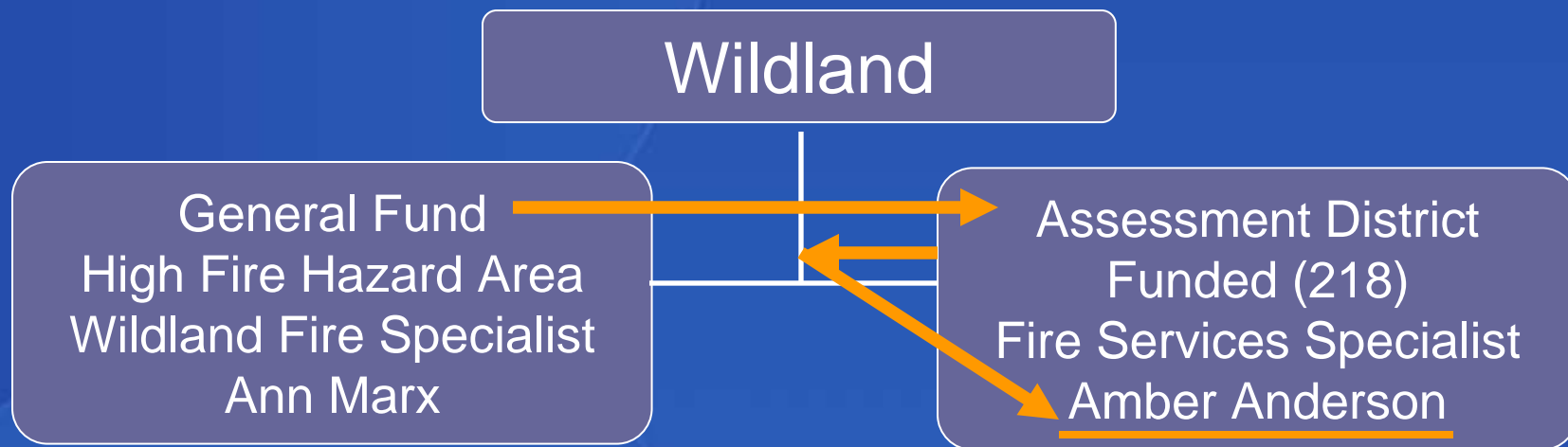
Community Development

Enforcement

Organization



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Vegetation Road Clearance FY2008-09 and FY2009-10



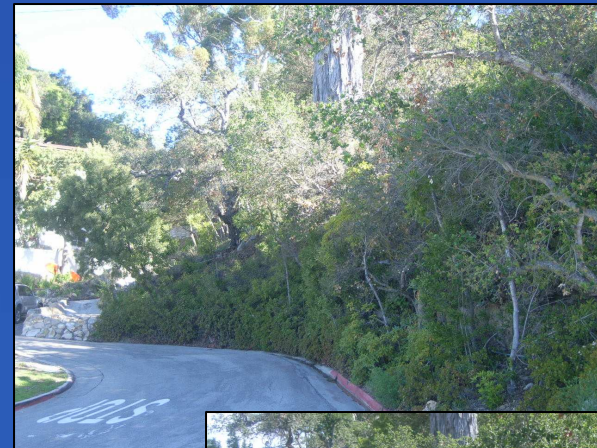
Vegetation Road Clearance

13 Miles completed in FY 2010



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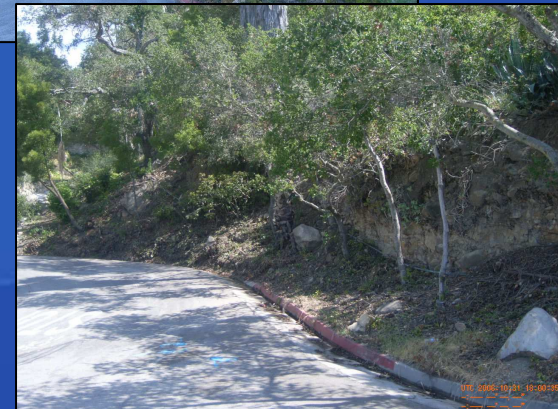
Before



**Paseo
Ferrelo**



After



Road Clearance In Action



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Current Year Pictures

Amber Anderson, 1/11/2010

Voluntary Defensible Space Inspection

Defensible Space

Photos Courtesy of Santa Barbara County Fire



GAP FIRE



TEA FIRE

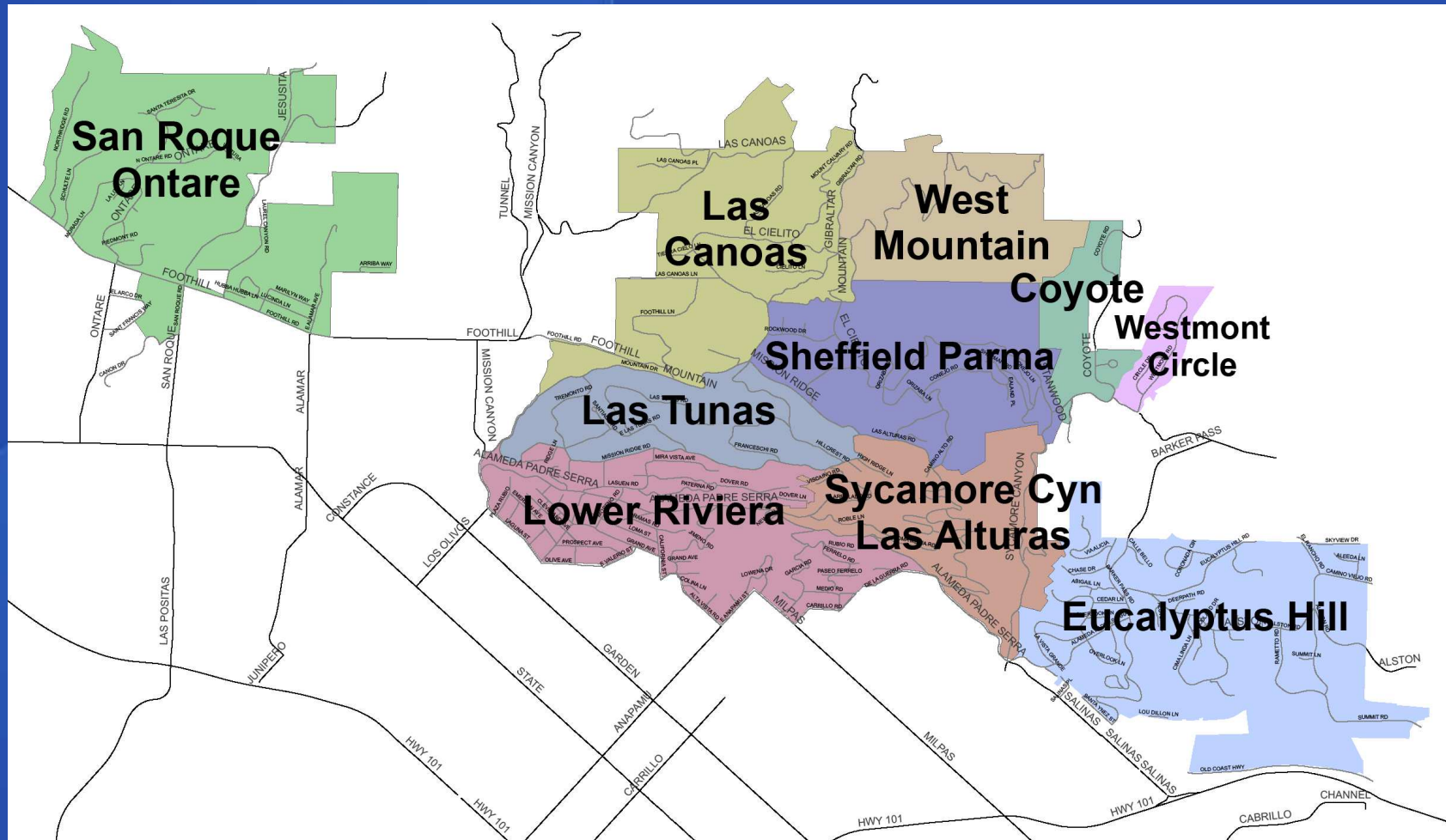
Voluntary Defensible Space Inspections

Over 150 Defensible Space Inspections Completed

50% Increase



Chipping Services



*** Chipping scheduled only during specific times ***

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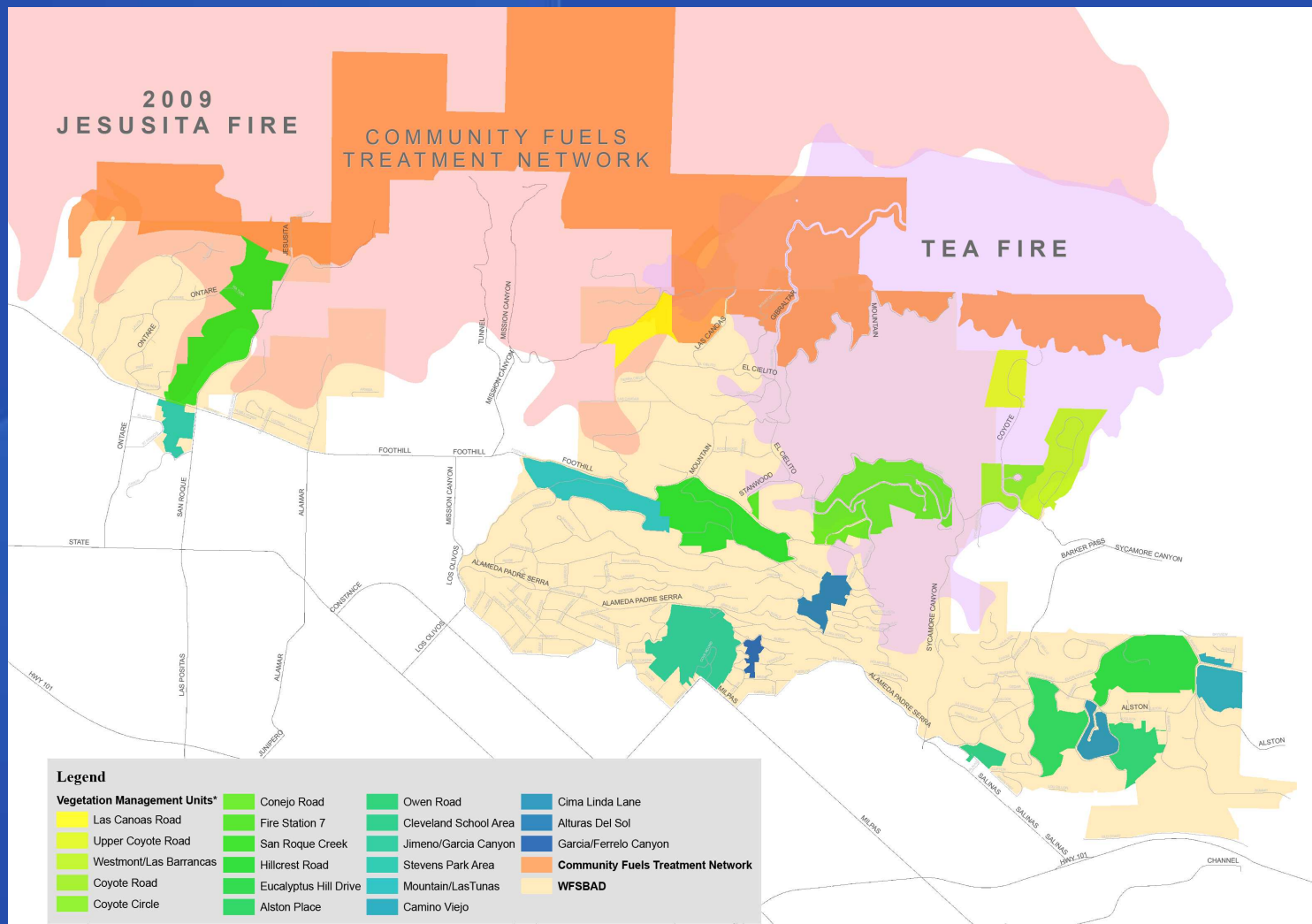
Chipping Services

Chipping available to all assessment residents

- ◆ Encourages property owners to create defensible space
- ◆ Provides a cost effective way to dispose of material
- ◆ 99% of the chips were recycled
 - Homeowners
 - City Areas
- ◆ Runs March 1st – June 15th
- ◆ *Very popular program*



Vegetation Management



Vegetation Management

FY 2008-09

Completed 25 Acres

- *St. Mary's*
- *Skofield Park-Van's Meadow*



FY 2009-10

2 New Project Areas

- *North Ontare*
- *Las Canoas*

Additional 40 Acres

Vegetation Management



Vegetation Management



Vegetation Management



AFTER JESUSITA FIRE

Vegetation Management

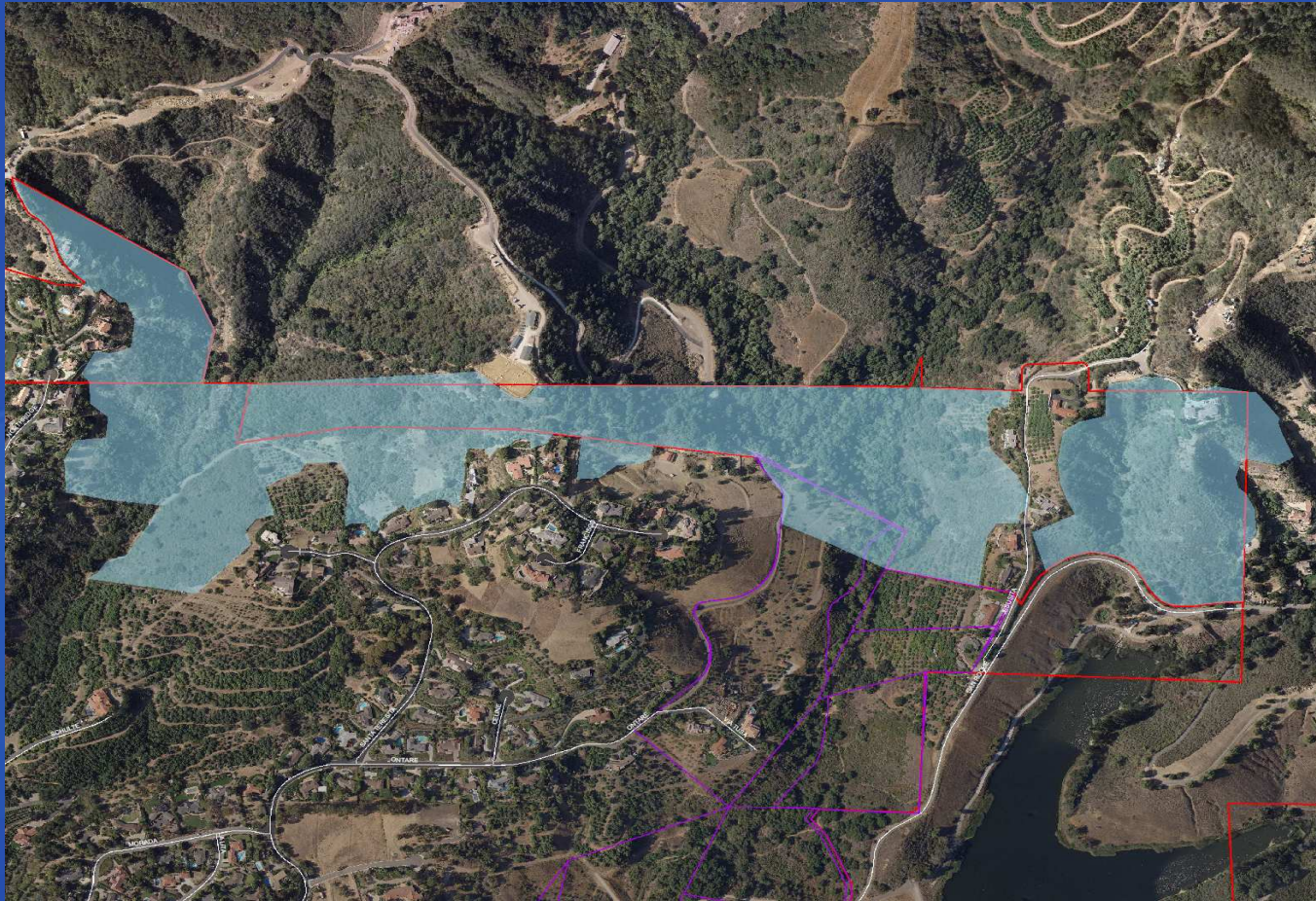
BEFORE



AFTER



Vegetation Management FY 2009-10



North Ontare Project

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Vegetation Management FY 2009-10



Las Canoas Project

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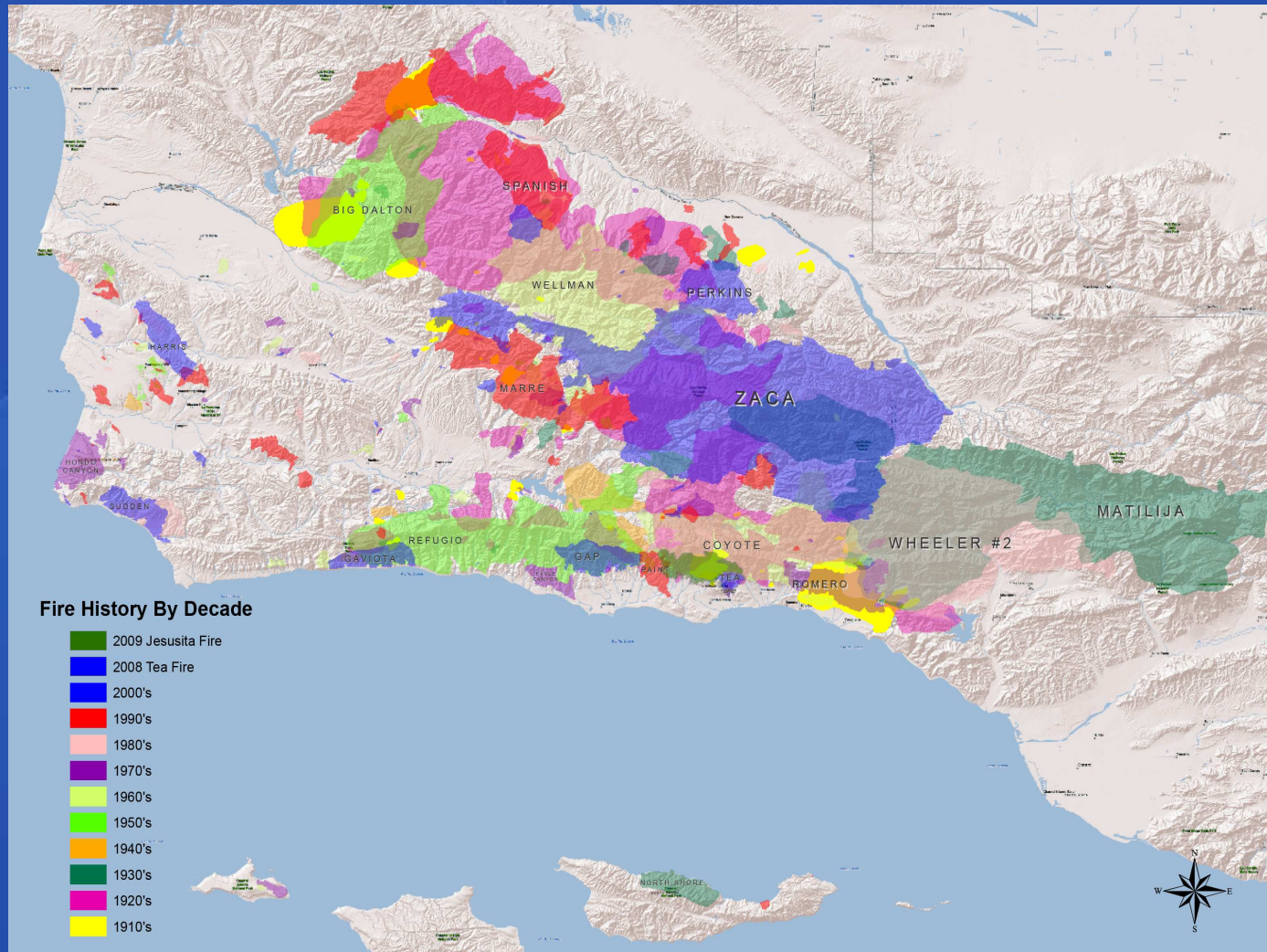
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Add picture with WFSBAD Boundary in Red like N Ontare

Amber Anderson, 1/11/2010

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